

**HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2001  
RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FROM HOUSING  
MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, 16 FEBRUARY  
2000. (Min 93)**

The Sub-Committee received a confidential presentation by the Heads of Financial Services and Revenues and Housing Management, concerning the Housing Capital Programme. A summary showing the current year's programme and estimates for 2000/01 to 2002/03 was circulated at the Meeting.

It was explained that, since these programmes had been prepared, it had become apparent during a risk assessment of the Council's sheltered housing stock that significant fire prevention works were required to the Authority's units if the current "stay put" policy was to be retained. As a first priority, it would be necessary to replace the existing letterboxes with an up to date fire-proof version, and to install an intumescent strip around doorframes to prevent smoke entry. The cost of these measures was likely to be £65,000. Thereafter, a programme of less essential work to other sheltered housing units (Priority 2) had been identified at a cost of £182,200, which could be implemented on a phased basis, taking into account other competing budgetary priorities.

A number of adjustments to the current and future Capital Programmes, to enable the cost of this work to be met were considered, and Members agreed unanimously to those revisions which would allow the first priority work to be undertaken, since it was thought essential to retain the "stay put" policy.

Members were broadly supportive of the measures suggested in relation to funding work in the Priority 2 category, although concerns were expressed about the possible impact upon the gas heating installation programme in 2000/01. It was suggested that phasing of the upgrading measures contained within Priority 2 could be examined, to lessen the effect on other parts of the Programme.

The Head of Financial Services explained that the proposed adjustments to the Capital Programmes as outlined would be considered by Council at its Meeting on 22 February 2000.

In relation to Sheltered Housing generally, a report concerning the future of this type of accommodation and in particular Hardwick House would be brought to a forthcoming Meeting of the Sub-Committee.

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**RECOMMENDED**

It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

1. That the sum of £49,000 currently shown as unallocated in the 2000/2001 Capital Programme be authorised towards fire prevention works.
2. That a sum of £31,000 currently in the 1999/2000 estimates for LASHG Bardfield Way be authorised towards fire prevention works.
3. That a sum of £30,000 be released for fire prevention works from the provision in 2000/01 of £150,000 for LASHG. (HFS)



A Smith

Head of Administrative and Member Services

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/01**

**1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

- 1.1 At the meeting of Council held on 8 February 2000 it was agreed that the motion overleaf from Councillors Leach and Mrs Giles proposing amendments to the capital programme be referred to this meeting of the Council. In addition, it was agreed that any further changes to the capital programme proposed by Councillors should be submitted to the proper officer in advance of this meeting. To date proposals have been received from the Conservative, Labour and Hockley Residents' Association Groups (in this order) and details of these are attached .
- 1.2. The motion and proposals should be considered in conjunction with the supporting papers provided by the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)



Andrew Smith

Head of Administrative and Member Services

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**Background Papers:**

None

For further information please contact Andrew Smith on (01702) 318135

## **Extract from Council Minutes – 8 February 2000**

### **(iv) Notice of Motion from Councillors V H Leach and Mrs J M Giles**

The following Notice of Motion had been received from Councillors V H Leach and Mrs J M Giles on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group:-

"That the Council agrees that the Capital Programme 2000/01 is amended as follows:-

- (a) The £192,000 redirected from the Special Projects Reserve be allocated to the initiatives listed:-

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(i) Crime and Disorder - CCTV small shopping parades across the District	40,000
(ii) Road Safety - Schools/Pedestrian Crossings	30,000
(iii) Crime and Disorder – Upgrade lighting and security in long stay car parks	30,000
(iv) Road Safety/Highway Improvement – Downhall/London Road junction	50,000
(v) Play area - purchase of MOD land – Great Wakering	2,000
(vi) Town Centre Regeneration – Upgrade street cleaning weekends/ mechanical sweepers	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>192,000</u>
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- (b) Environmental - £65,000 be allocated for Phase 1 of the proposed establishment of a country park at Blatches Farm.
- (c). Town Centre Regeneration –specific amounts be determined for Town Centre enhancements other than Rayleigh."

### **Shopping List for Hullbridge re RDC Capital Receipts**

**1. The Rose Garden in Hullbridge is an area of land which lies between the Anchor Public House and the slipway off Ferry Road. It is presently managed by Hullbridge Parish Council although the grass cutting is undertaken by RDC.**

**It is a delightful position for visitors to view the river Crouch and has several Victorian type seats there but, it contains a massive unsightly inspection tunnel cover to a passage under the river and a further large inspection cover. The garden also includes an unsightly race box belonging to the Up River Yacht Club.**

**In order to minimise the impact of these ugly covers and improve and modernise the garden it needs professional landscaping in order to attract visitors to the village. The project could amount to between £2,000 and £5,000 to achieve the upgrading needed.**

**2. The forecourts of the shops from the Gardens Association to Domestic Repair Service badly needs upgrading with block paving and Victorian bollards in keeping with the theme started in the Gardens Association. This would greatly improve the shopping area in the middle of the village, the pavements of which are in a very poor state of repair. This would need a partnership with shop owners and ECC.**

For Council, Reviewed Labour Proposals

By Combining the remainder of the "Special project reserve" and capital receipts The following is proposed.

**£130 000 Heritage Projects**

37-39 West street Rochford in line with current policy  
Refurbishment of 50/54 West Street Rochford , By all means available to this Council, whether go alone or partnership with other agencies, grants etc.  
Rayleigh windmill public access and appreciation works

**Town & Village centre improvements**

Programs to be agreed in partnership with Parish Councils & local traders.

Rochford	<b>£100 000</b>
Hullbridge	<b>£100 000</b>
Hockley	<b>£100 000</b>

**Provision of Play spaces**

Great Wakering : Two playspaces to serve Glebe & Morrins Close as outlined in current council reports  
**£50 000**

**Blatches Farm**

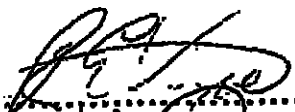
Capital funding **£65 000**

## HOCKLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUP

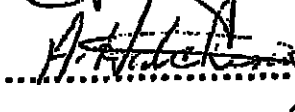
### Proposal for inclusion in the Capital Programme for 2000-2001.

The Hockley Residents Association Group propose that the sum of £150,000 be included in the capital programme for town centre improvement in Hockley.

Signed.

  
.....Cllr. R Vingoe

  
.....Cllr V Hutchings

  
.....Cllr A Hutchings

Dated...12<sup>th</sup> FEB 2000.....